Finding aid for the California Migrant, Transient, and Homeless Populations collection 0449

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Abstract: The California Migrant, Transient, and Homeless Populations collection consists of article offprints, booklets, unpublished papers, transcripts of hearings, newspaper clippings, one book, and twenty-two photographs spanning the years 1930-1992. All items in this collection (in one form or another) concern the rootless in society; especially prominent in these holdings are materials concerning migrant farm workers principally in California, but also in other parts of the nation. Other areas of interest are the homeless and transient youths. The “Cotton Survey” (1938) examined the living conditions of migrant farm workers and contains invaluable black-and-white photographs of farmers' camps in such places as Kern County. Also noteworthy are transcripts of testimony from Carey McWilliams, the famous editor of The Nation and authority on California ethnic groups, before state hearings on the migrant worker. The collection also contains an assembly of reports and papers from various private and public agencies on the homeless problem of the 80s and the 90s.
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Scope and Content
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Custodial history
This collection did not originate from holdings that were gathered or created by an individual or organization; rather, it is a mixture of materials acquired by the CSWA and then housed together because of their subject matter. Some of this material possibly was once in the possession of Gertrude Wilson and Gladys Ryland, or the United Way Library.
Organization
The collection has been organized into two series: Migrants/Homeless Youth (Box 1) and Los Angeles Homeless (Box 2).
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Clippings
Homeless persons--California--Archival resources
Homeless youth--California--Archival resources
Migrant agricultural laborers--California--Archival resources
Migrant agricultural laborers--Housing--California--Archival resources
Pamphlets
Reports
Reprints

Migrants/Homeless Youth

Box 1, Folder 1

**Pamphlets 1955, 1992, undated**

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Box 1, Folder 2

S. Smith Griswold. *A Proposed Plan for the Care of Indigent Single Men in County of Los Angeles-California.* Los Angeles: Department of Budget and Research of Los Angeles County 1937 January

Box 1, Folder 3

*Transient Youth in California. A National, State and Local Problem. Report and Recommendations of the California Committee for the Study of Transient Youth.* 1948

**General note**

Available at USC Libraries, 331.796.C1533T

Box 1, Folder 4

**State Relief Administration of California. Transients. Special Surveys and Studies Progress Report 7 1936 February 28**

Box 1, Folder 5

Kenneth Carlson. "Transient Boys of the Road." Boys’ Work Division, First Methodist E. Church undated

Box 1, Folder 6

**Reports and addresses on migrant workers 1939, 1940, undated**

**Scope and Content**

William Dickie, Director of California State Department of Health. "Statement on Health Problems among Migratory Agricultural Workers Made at Request of LaFollette Committee on Civil Liberties. March 1940."

Carey McWilliams, Chief Division of Immigration and Housing. "Memorandum on Housing Conditions Among Migratory Workers in California." State of California. Division of Immigration and Housing. State Building Los Angeles, Calif. 1939.


"Testimony of Carey McWilliams Chief, California State Division of Immigration and Housing Before Tolan Committee at San Francisco, Calif. September 24, 1940."

Box 1, Folder 7

**Articles by Madeleine R. Stoner 1983**

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Populations collection ...
Box 1, Folder 8-9  
**The Cotton Survey 1938**  
Scope and Content  
Multiple copies, includes introduction by Lola Selby, and photographs of migrant living conditions.

Box 1, Folder 10  
**California Migration, 1955-1960.** Sacramento, Dept. of Finance, Budget Division, Financial and Population Research Section 1964  
General note  
Available at USC Libraries, HB1985.C2A5

Box 1, Folder 11  
**Dr. George Gleason. The Fifth Migration. Report on the California Migratory Agricultural Workers prepared by Dr. George Gleason, Executive Secretary, County Committee for Church and Community Cooperation, Los Angeles, California.** Los Angeles: Committee for Church and Community Cooperation circa 1940  
General note  

Box 1, Folder 12  
**Sister M. Bernadine Rusting, O.P. and Sister M. Isabel Espinosa, O.P. Missionaries in Migrant Camps.** San Gabriel, California 1973

Box 1, Folder 13  
**Los Angeles Community Chest Manual 1930-1931**

Box 1, Folder 14  
**Crime Commission on Social and Economic Causes. Held in Fresno California 1948 December 10**  
General note  
Transcript. With Unemployed Federationist, Week of January 1, 1936 (Volume 1, no. 1). Newspaper of the "Public Works and Unemployed Unions and the California State Federation of Unemployed and Allied Organizations."

Box 1, Folder 15  
**Article, report, pamphlet 1948, 1953, undated**  
Scope and Content  

Box 1  
**William T. Cross and Dorothy E. Cross. Newcomers and Nomads in California.** Stanford University Press 1937  
General note  
Available at USC Libraries, 361.6.C951N, HV4506.C2C7 1937

**Los Angeles Homeless**

Box 2, Folder 1  
City and County of Los Angeles reports and summaries re homeless problem

Box 2, Folder 2  

Box 2, Folder 3  

Box 2, Folder 4  
Rob Waters. *Trickle Down Tragedy: Homelessness in California* 1984 January

Box 2, Folder 5  
City of Los Angeles Shelter Ordinance Interpretive Memorandum. Prepared by Shelter Partnership, Inc. 1987
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